

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 9, 2016
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen.

Board Member Absent: Kevin Ackley

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 31 guests.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the **minutes** of the July 25 **special board meeting**. Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the **minutes** of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of July 31, 2016 was as follows: General Fund \$290,620.11; Road fund \$305,699.59; Capital Project Fund \$10,930.31; General Park/Recreation Fund \$8,574.44; Silver Lake Park \$6,098.00; Johnson Square \$49,500.

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the **Financial Report** was accepted subject to Audit. Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Iteen, check numbers 16474 through 16522 in the general fund for the amount of \$42,539.75 and Road Fund check 1168 for the amount of 4,672.99. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were seven permits for the month with a total of 46 for the year. The Planning Commission is putting together a committee which will include three from the public to work on the proposed Rental Ordinance. **Chris Freeman** may have to **move his septic which is on the neighbor's** property (Survey attached after minutes). Golden Township and DEQ pulled their permits on Gale Forner's property (#64-006-380-071-00 listed under Quest IRA) on Lake Michigan as he has lost several feet of his property to Lake Michigan.

Park Report: Mrs. Cargill stated that the **band shell** is almost complete at the **Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes**. Mrs. Lathers stated that the ground breaking has taken place for a pavilion in Johnson Square.

Old Business – Mrs. Iteen wrote a letter to Malda Lawn Care about the poor mowing job on both the Round Lake and Mears Cemeteries on the Tuesday before Memorial Day. **Mr. Malda apologized and refunded \$150.00.**

New Business-

ORV & MI DNR - Christy Summers gave a presentation about the **proposed changes to the dune access** for the four user groups: Vehicles that are trailered in, Dune ready street legal vehicles, Commercial entities that drop off vehicles and those who walk or picnic at the dunes. Some proposed changes are: a new parking lot for trailered vehicles, and couple round-about, two lanes for the dune access road, additional parking for emergency vehicles, and a new parking lot for those walking the dunes.

There was no action taken concerning the dumpster at the channel park.

Mears Art Fair – Mrs. Lathers stated that ladies from the Mears village store (Mort Wiegand and Anita Foster) started the art fair. She is **requesting that the art fair stay in Mears** and not be moved to Silver Lake as proposed. Mrs. Lathers has a group of five people to carry on the work the night before and the day of the art fair. The request to stay in Mears was granted. Also, the Golden Eatery is having a fund raiser on August 10 in the evening to raise money toward Johnson square improvements.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by, Mrs. Cargill to approve a **broad-band survey** to be included in the winter tax bills. All ye, the motion carried.

Telamon requested clarification on a **flooring issue** in their infant and toddler room. A memo of understanding is to be written stating that the flooring would not have to be returned to its original state of carpet if or when Telamon would leave the building.

Mr. Ted McKissack, a resident of Golden Township, spoke to **raise awareness** concerning the problem of **Russian or Autumn Olive**. Mrs. Iteen offered to put information on the Golden Township website.

Larry and Lynn Liebert want **24th Ave**, a seasonal road. They are also asking for the seasonal road signs to be taken down and for the road to be plowed at least four times in the winter or once a month.

Public discussion:

-**Sandy Clarke** spoke and is running for **State Representative**.

-**Adrienne Slaymaker** stated that there is work going to be done on **Ridge Road** in the Upper Silver Lake Area which is in pretty good condition. She asked if it would not be better to fix the portion of Ridge from the Timber Lake Campground to the Cedar Park area which is falling apart even in the middle of the road.

Township of Golden, August 2, 2016 Primary Election results:

Supervisor: Carl Fuehring 268; Floyd (Jake) Whelpley 257

Clerk: Jean Adams 183; Rachel Iteen 348

Treasurer: Connie Cargill 439

Trustee (2): Gary Beggs 353; Mark Borst 105; Mark Rippee 183; Dick Walsworth 275. The above underlined names were nominated candidates for their positions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk